

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 635
By Brown

A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Kyron Floyd Kilpatrick for
outstanding public service to the State of
Tennessee and the 28th Legislative House
District.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those
citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with extraordinary dedication and devotion;
and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kyron Floyd Kilpatrick is one such outstanding person who has worked
to advance the civil rights agenda for over 20 years in the 28th Legislative House District, the
City of Chattanooga, and the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kilpatrick received his education at Tennessee State University,
graduating with honors in Political Science/Government and Public Affairs and Texas Southern
University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law, acquiring the degree of Juris Doctor; and

WHEREAS, active in community politics since the age of twelve, he has special training
in civil rights with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the
Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators, the Tennessee General Assembly Office of
Minority Affairs, the Tennessee General Assembly Office of Legal Services and the Honorable
State Representative Dr. Tommie Brown, House Legislative District 28; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kilpatrick is an active and vital part of the civil rights and political
community, participating in numerous civic and community based organizations in various

capacities, including Chattanooga Youth Council delegate, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978 and 1979 National, Regional and State Convention(s) N.A.A.C.P. - Resolutions Committee; 1979 Vice-President-Elect - Chattanooga Youth Council, N.A.A.C.P.; 1980 President-Elect - Chattanooga Youth Council N.A.A.C.P.; 1981 Interim Vice-President - Chattanooga Youth Council N.A.A.C.P., co-coordinator city-wide voter registration drive (3,000 registrations); 1981 President-Elect - Tennessee State University Chapter N.A.A.C.P., President-Elect Tennessee State Conference of Youth and College Chapters; 1984 Summer Intern - N.A.A.C.P. Region V Field Office, Atlanta, GA, special project "Economic Sanctions: Divestment in South Africa, (jurisdiction includes Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi and Florida); 1987-88 President-Elect TSU Chapter Political Science Organization; 1987 TSU Department of Political Science - Government Affairs Intern; Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators Office of Minority Affairs; Panelist - 12th Annual TBCSL Annual Retreat; 1988 Summer Internship - Tennessee Department of Labor (J.T.P.A.-SYETP); 1989-90 Parliamentarian Thurgood Marshall School of Law Black Law Student Association; 1991 Legal Assistant to Legal Council for Texas State Conference of Branches, - N.A.A.C.P. (Kileen, Texas); 1994 Session Attorney (98th General Assembly); 1994-95 Higher Education Committee Legal Counsel - Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators Annual Legislative Retreat; 1995 Legal Coordinator, 28th Legislative District Assembly, 1995 member, Chattanooga Minority Economic Development Week Committee; 1996 member, East Tennessee, Knoxville Minority Economic Development Committee; 1996 member Tennessee Black Caucus/Human Rights Commission Title VI Implementation Plan Review Sub-Committee (Legal Consultant); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kilpatrick's dedication to political activism and civil rights exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kilpatrick is the quintessential example of a person totally committed to civil and political rights and the highest ideals of public service, and he should be especially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we salute Dr. Kyron Floyd Kilpatrick for outstanding service to the Tennessee General Assembly and the 28th Legislative House District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we hereby recognize his exemplary commitment to civil rights and dedicated service to the people of this state and honor him as “OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVANT AND FUTURE TENNESSEE CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.

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